Nexalite activities in Andhra Pradesh and Orissa

1052. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Naxalite activities are on the increase in some states, particularly in the border areas of Andhra Pradesh and Orissa;

(b) if so, whether the Central Government had launched a combined action plan with the concerned State Governments to curb such activities in the recent past; and

(c) if so, the success achieved in the matter so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) There has been an appreciable increase in the activities of left wing extremists in Andhra Pradesh and Bihar. Recently, a spurt is also noticeable in the movement of People's War Group (a major left extremist group based in the Telengana region of Andhra Pradesh) 'Dalams' in the border areas of Andhra Pradesh and Orissa. States affected by left Wing extremist violence have been asked to intensify police action and to organise their intelligence more effectively. It has also been impressed upon these states that the basic socio-economic causes which give rise to dissatisfaction among the Scheduled Castes/Tribes and landless groups and make such people more open to the influence of naxal elements also need to be tackled. A Central Study Team had visited Bihar and Andhra Pradesh in 1988 and had submitted a detailed report making several recommendations in respect of streamlining the Administration and the socio-economic developmental effort in the affected areas in order to wean away the tribals and other weakers sections from the extremist influence. Necessary follow up action is being taken by the Central Government as well as by the State Governments on these reports. The Central Government have also impressed upon on the concerned State Governments to organise joint operational plans and concerted Police action by periodic consultation between the police authorities of the neighbouring States so that the left wing extremist elements do no find any shelter in the neighbouring States when they are under pressure in one of the States. The Central Government have also provided Central Forces and arms and ammunition to Andhra Pradesh and Bihar.

Prime Minister's visits to Karnataka

1053. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of visits made by the Prime Minister to Karnataka since the imposition of President's Rule in that State;

(b) what is the expenditure incurred on each visit; and

(c) whether during one of his visits, he promised to establish a plant at Hospet and if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) The Prime Minister visited Karnataka four times since the proclamation of President's Rule.

(b) The Prime Minister uses Indian Air Force aircraft or tours. Recoveries at the prescribed rates are made for journeys performed for non-official purposes. The State Governments make arrangements for security and maintenance of law and order when the Prime Minister visits the States, the expenditure on which is not compiled by the Central Government.

(c) The Prime Minister made a menion of Vijayanagar Steel Plant in his speeches. The Planning Commission have been requested to have another look at the Vijayanagar Steel Plant to make it a viable venture.

Regional Offices and branches of State Bank of Indore

1054. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of branches of State Bank of Indore in the country and the number of Regional Offices alongwith their locations as on 30th June, 1989;

(b) what is the number of branches under these Regional Offices;

(c) whether it is also a fact that in comparison to the number of branches the number of Regional Offices of the Bank is more *vis-a-vis* other banks; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMBENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) State Bank of Indore has reported that, as at the end of June, 1989, 9 Regional Offices, three each at Indore and Bhopal and one each at Gwalior, Delhi and Bombay covering 324 branches were functioning in the country.

(c) and (d) State Bank of Indore has reported that keeping in view the strength of 324 branches, 9 Regional Offices is not a large number to control them. Moreover, these offices were opened after justification therefor was duly considered by the Executive Committee of the bank and after receipt of lincences from Reserve Bank of India.

Applications received by State Bank of Indore from unemployed SC and ST candidates

1055. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications received during 1987, 1988 and upto 30th June, 1989 by State Bank of Indore from unemployed and educated youths belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, minority communities and women entrepreneurs to start business in Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh;

(b) what is the number of applications accepted, rejected and pending at present;

(c) what are the details thereof State-wise; and

(d) by when decision is likely to be taken on pending applications?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (d) Reserve Bank of India have reported that the data reporting system under the Self Employment Scheme for Educated Unemployed Youth, being implemented on financial year basis, does not generate the information in the manner asked for. Under the scheme, no reservation has been made for minority communities and women entrepreneurs. Hence no separate data is collected in respect of these beneficiaries. The data is, however, collected in respect of loans sanctioned to Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe beneficiaries as per existing Reserve Bank of India guidelines. The position in respect of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh under the scheme in so far as target fixed, number of applications received, total number of applications sanctioned, share of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes out of total number of applications returned to District Industries Centre (DIC), rejected and pending by the State Bank of